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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR97/01485	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE August 12, 1997	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED August 14, 1996
TITLE OF INVENTION - see attached pages -		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US - see attached pages -		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(l).		
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U.S. Patent Application No. 09/242,257

Inventor(s): Jean GROLLET

Title: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR FLOCKING OF BISCUITS AND OTHER  
FOOD PRODUCTS

Submitted herewith, as the **second submission**, are the following for the purposes of entering the national stage for the USA under 35 U.S.C. 371(c), **immediate national examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) being requested.**

- [X] Declaration and Power of Attorney.  
[X] Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status - Independent Inventor.

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